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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thai Tran

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The Serial No. of copending U.S. Patent Application cited in CROSS REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS should be provided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wonfor et al (Us 6,381,747 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Wonfor et al discloses a apparatus for distributing content (Fig. 2) comprising:

transmitting device (station 3 of Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 1-6 and 30-49) for transferring said content;

media device (set-top box 10 of Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 30-49) for receiving said transferred content, said media device is interfaced to said transmitting device, wherein said media device outputs said received content;

receiver/playback device (VCR 24 of Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 50-57) for receiving and reproducing said outputted content, wherein said receiver/playback device is interfaced to said media device and said outputted content is received from the media device.

Regarding claim 2, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device disallows the transfer of said content when said media device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said receiver/playback device (col. 5, lines 50-57).

Regarding claim 3, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said transmitting device disallows the transfer of said content when said transmitting device detects an illegal or unauthorized device as said media device (col. 5, lines 50-57).

Regarding claim 4, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said content is transferred an encrypted information over a secured channel (col. 5, lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 5, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said transmitting device comprises one of a set-top, a recorder, and a set-top/recorder combination (set top box 10 and VCR 24 of Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 30-57).

Regarding claim 6, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device comprises one of a stationary storage device, a portable storage device, a removable storage medium, storage within a mobile device, and a secure digital card (set-to box 10 of Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 30-48).

Regarding claim 7, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device being simultaneously interfaced with said transmitting device and said receiver/playback device (Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 30-48).

Regarding claim 8, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device while not being interfaced with said receiver/playback device (when VCR 24 is not connected to the set-top box 10).

Regarding claim 9, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device being interfaced with said receiver/playback device while not being interfaced with said transmitting device (when the set-top box 10 is not attached to the digital delivery network).

Regarding claim 10, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wireless network (satellite or microwave disclosed in col. 5, lines 1-6).

Regarding claim 11, Wonfor et al discloses the claimed wherein said media device being interfaced with said transmitting device over a wired network (phone line or cable transmission systems disclosed in col. 5, lines 1-6).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The cited references related to video recorder.

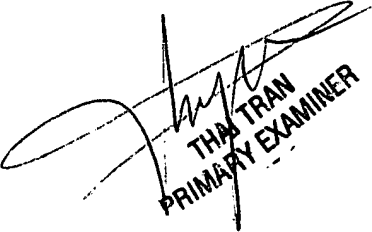
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thai Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7382. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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